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Remarks—General

Applicant has rewritten and narrowed both independent claims.

Specifically, he relied previously upon the size comparison “substantially less” to differentiate a major component of his invention from the physical structure of the combination cited against it. The evident inadequacy of that comparison, coupled with applicant’s failure to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter he regards as the invention, has resulted in rejection.

Applicant now restricts both claims severely, to “less than approximately half the length and less than approximately half the width” of that major component. The effect of this combined restriction is to reduce the working area of the ledges to about one-fourth of that formerly defined, a drastic reduction.

Previous claim elements relating to container access have been eliminated.

It is submitted that thus we have finally achieved both distinct clarity and important structural differentiation.

Our strongest argument for unobviousness, we submit, is the fact that in all the preceding decades of carts, none has ever offered anything structurally resembling our small-shelf, quick-access, quick-release, low-effort, container stacking.

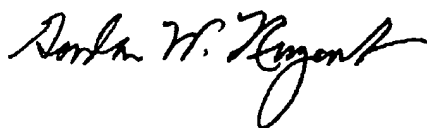
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Supplemental Information Disclosure

The closest cart we have discovered to date, a two-basket model now in use at a Staples office supply store in Manhattan, is detailed in a supplemental information disclosure statement, attached to this Amendment, accompanied by the statement specified in 37CFR 1.97(e).

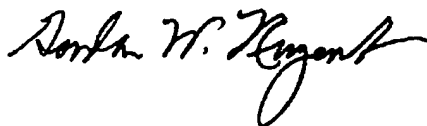
This cart lacks the small-area fulcrum/pivot ledges at the heart of applicant's invention. Furthermore, even if those ledges were substituted here, the upper-basket lock is not capable of the effortless release our cart provides, sparing the user from lifting the basket's full weight.

Very respectfully,



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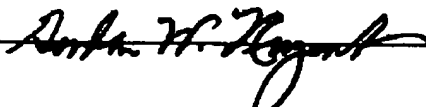
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